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# Annual Report

—OF THE—

## TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE—

# Town of Harwich,

FOR THE YEAR

—1896—

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HARWICH, MASS:  
ALTON P. GOSS, STEAM PRINTER,  
1897.

PROPERTY OF  
CAPE COD GENEALOCICAL SOCIETY  
ON PERMANENT LOAN TO  
BROOKS LIBRARY, HARWICH, MASS.

**Harwich Incorporated September 14, 1694.**

**Population by State Census, 1895,.....2532.**

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**Town Officers for the year 1896.**

*Town Clerk and Treasurer.*

J. H. PAINE.

*Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor and Board of Health.*

ASA L. JONES, DAVID L. SMALL,

D. M. NICKERSON, JR.

*School Committee.*

S. A. HAYWARD,	.	.	.	.	.	Term	Expires	1897
GEO. N. MUNSELL,	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1898
W. J. NICKERSON,	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1899

*Road Commissioners.*

O. C. BAKER,	.	.	.	.	.	Term	Expires	1897
EBENEZER WEEKES, 2 <sup>ND</sup> ,	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1898
EZRA ELDRIDGE,	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1899

*Herring Committee.*

HENRY C. BERRY,						FREEMAN RYDER,		
						JOHN E. RYDER.		

*Auditors.*

JOSEPH N. ATKINS,						WM. F. SEARS.		
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*Constables.*

MARK F. NICKERSON,						MICHAEL B. CHASE,		
						ROLAND F. SMITH.		

*Registrars of Voters.*

J. H. PAINE, TOWN CLERK,						Ex officio.		
DARIUS F. WEEKES,	.	.	.	.	.	Term	Expires	1897
DAVIS LOTHROP,	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1898
LEVI SNOW,	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1899

*Collectors of Taxes.*

PATRICK KELLEY—West Section	(Resigned)							
CHAS. D. HALL—West Section,	appointed Aug. 5, vice Patrick Kelley.							
	ALLEN S. MEGATHLIN—East Section.							

*To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:*

We herewith submit to you the Annual Report of the business transacted in the several departments of the town for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

For Support of Poor in Almshouse,	\$1200.00
"    "    "    " out of Almshouse,	1600.00
"    "    " Insane in Hospitals,	850.00
" Board of Health,	200.00
" Repairs of Buildings,	300.00 ✓
" Miscellaneous Expenses,	800.00 ✓
" Town Officers,	1000.00 ✓
" Lockup,	150.00 ✓
" Suppression of Crime,	100.00 ✓
" State Aid,	1300.00 1200
" Tax Abatements,	300.00 ✓
" Roads,	2000.00 2500
" Bridges,	300.00 300
" Clearing Snow,	100.00 ✓
" Schools,	5000.00 ✓
" Books and Supplies,	400.00 ✓
" Superintendent's Salary,	200.00 ✓
" Repairs and Incidentals,	200.00 ✓
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	\$16000.00

*16000 to be paid on Note*

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## SUPPLIES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Albert Hall as Keeper,	\$250.00
“ Albert Hall for Supplies,	85.01
“ S. K. Sears,	7.72
“ Paddock Small,	1.35
“ W. B. Kelley,	41.31
“ E. Mayo,	7.20
“ V. D. Nickerson,	48.88
“ Watson B. Baker,	26.17
“ J. F. Tobey,	67.35
“ C. E. Brett,	7.00
“ Leonard Clark,	31.24
“ Ezra Eldridge,	33.07
“ J. Raymond & Co.,	14.69
“ Kendrick & Bearse,	22.04
“ Alpheus Howes,	19.62
“ Hiram L. Crowell,	28.56
“ A. E. Weekes,	47.53
“ S. J. Miles,	39.26
“ N. B. Walker,	4.50
“ Wm. F. Sears,	21.30
“ E. L. Stokes,	24.10
“ T. R. Eldridge,	55.50
“ Frank A. Small,	3.25
“ Chas. H. Kelley,	21.14
“ Moses Handren,	10.00
“ Samuel Moody,	36.58
“ Cornelius Eldridge,	5.00
“ Keziah Paine,	5.00
“ Levi Rogers,	7.50
“ Warren E. Nickerson,	5.85
“ Hiram E. Nickerson,	23.95
“ S. K. Crowell,	27.09
“ S. L. Moore,	28.48
“ C. E. Hamer & Co.,	7.76
“ F. W. Baker,	8.20
“ Young Bros.,	19.44

Paid Jonathan Hall,	\$ 4.00
“ F. D. Underwood,	5.70
“ A. H. Bassett,	17.55
“ C. S. Hunt,	16.79
“ Seth W. Eldridge,	3.00
“ Alexander B. Sears, cow,	35.00
“ Nathan E. Nickerson,	6.00
“ H. W. Bassett,	22.87
“ Cyrus Baker,	3.00
“ Mrs. Josie Hall,	8.00
“ James F. Small,	2.45
“ Josiah S. Chase,	17.40
“ Richard W. McGrand, pig,	5.00
	—————
	\$1239.40
Appropriation,	1200.00
	—————
Exceeded Appropriation,	\$39.40

(See Treasurer's Report for Income of Poor Farm.)

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#### SUPPLIES TO POOR OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

##### HITTIE C. HUNT :—

Overseers of Poor, supplies,      cash,      \$48.00

##### GEORGE H. O'BRIEN :—

A. H. Bassett, supplies,  
(Refunded. See Treas. Report)      4.85

##### EDWIN L. CHASE :—

Overseers of Poor, supplies,      cash,      52.00

##### ALDENIA ELDRIDGE :—

E. Y. Hammond,	supplies,	\$ 2.80
S. J. Smith,	“	1.25
Overseers of Poor,	“	.15 — 4.20

## LYDIA ROBBINS :—

C. S. Hunt,	supplies,	\$ 6.18
Ann F. Bassett,	"	3.25——\$ 9.43

## CHARLES H. TAYLOR'S FAMILY, NORTH HARWICH :—

Josiah S. Chase,	supplies,	75.40
A. H. Bassett,	"	5.00
S. J. Smith,	"	4.93
J. Raymond & Co.,	"	10.13
Nathan Kelley,	"	1.50
Benjamin Bassett,	"	5.00
Benjamin H. Bassett,	"	3.50
C. S. Hunt,	"	5.00
Edwin B. Rogers,	"	6.40
S. K. Sears,	"	5.00
James F. Small,	"	5.85——127.71

## ALEX. CHASE :—

J. S. Chase,	supplies,	46.28
Gilbert Robbins,	"	6.91—— 53.19

## JOSEPH ELDRIDGE :—

A. H. Bassett,	supplies,	16.00
A. L. Jones, coffin box and robe,		17.50—— 33.50

## MATTHEW ALLEN :—

S. B. Kelley,	supplies,	14.45
S. J. Miles,	"	8.25
Dr. Louis Edmonds,	services,	2.00—— 24.70

## ORICK ELLIS :—

W. B. Kelley,	supplies,	
(Refunded. See Treas. Report.)		7.50

## ARTHUR KELLEY :—

City Hospital, Boston, supplies,		
(Diphtheria)		14.00

## JOANNA ALLEN :—

Watson B. Kelley,	supplies	\$34.89
S. B. Kelley,	"	32.25
J. K. Robbins,	"	2.25
Miss J. S. Paine,	"	2.50
S. K. Sears,	"	4.36 — \$ 76.25

## AHIRA CHASE :—

W. B. Kelley,	supplies,	3.25
Kendrick & Bearse,	"	6.50 — 9.75

## ELIZA E. ELLIS :—

W. B. Kelley,	5.46
J. Raymond & Co.,	9.88
H. C. Robbins,	44.11
H. S. Kelley, M. D.,	24.65
E. Mayo,	1.50 — 85.60

## JOB D. CHASE :—

J. Raymond & Co.,	supplies,	6.50
E. Chase,	"	7.00 — 13.50

## OSCAR D. LOVEJOY :—

City of Chelsea, supplies for 1895,	5.00
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## BENJ. C. ROGERS :—

City of Fall River, supplies, 1895,	2.00
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## ABBIE ROBINSON :—

Overseers of Poor, supplies, cash,	35.00
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## IDELLA J. HIGGINS :—

Overseers of Poor, supplies, cash,	20.00
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## JACOB NICKERSON :—

Overseers of Poor, supplies, (Refunded. See Treas. Report.)	12.00
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ABNER ELDRIDGE :—			
Levi Long, supplies, coffin, etc.,			\$ 17.50
JULIUS NICKERSON :—			
Levi Long, supplies, coffin, etc.,			20.50
WILLIAM H. BURNHAM :—			
Overseers of Poor, Rochester, supplies,			17.00
LEONARD BURNHAM :—			
Overseers of Poor, Rochester, supplies,			6.00
HEMAN NICKERSON :—			
Miss Kate Berry, supplies,		\$ 3.00	
Abbie A. Chase, nursing,		25.00	— 28.00
ERASTUS SNOW :—			
Leonard Clark, supplies,			51.17
TABITHA FERRIS :—			
J. Raymond & Co., supplies,	10.13		
Elisha Snow, “	1.50		
Davis Lothrop, “	5.20		
H. F. Berry, “	1.50	—	18.33
DAVID B. THOMAS :—			
Overseers of Poor, Provincetown, Medical Aid,			40.65
HULDA SHUTE :—			
J. Raymond & Co., supplies,	3.38		
Elisha Snow, supplies, to be refunded,	1.50	—	4.88
			—
			\$842.21
Appropriation,	\$1600.00		
Expended,	842.21		
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Unexpended,	\$757.79		

## STATE PAUPERS.

## PORTUGUESE:—(State)

J. H. Patterson, M. D., Medical Aid, balance of 1894,	\$ 22.50
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## JERRY O'BRIEN:—

Davis Lothrop, supplies,	\$59.81
R. L. Baker, "	1.50
Elisha Snow, "	10.50
J. Raymond & Co., "	27.00
B. F. Eldridge, "	2.50
J. H. Eldridge, "	3.00
	104.31
(To be refunded.)	\$126.81

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## SUPPORT OF INSANE.

Nellie M. Stone, Worcester Asylum,	\$169.92
Thankful W. Chase, "	169.94
Frederick Baker, Taunton "	169.92
Pliny P. Doane, "	169.92
Augustus S. Pratt, "	169.92
Nathan H. Nickerson, "	85.42
	\$935.04
Appropriation,	850.00
Exceeded Appropriation,	\$ 85.04

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## POOR OF OTHER TOWNS AND CITIES.

GOWELL CHASE, (New Bedford)	
Overseers of Poor, supplies, cash,	\$96.00

PHEBE NICKERSON, (Brewster)	
Nancy J. Burgess, supplies and board,	52.00

MOSES H. YOUNG, (Dennis)		
J. Raymond & Co., supplies,	\$ 6.75	
H. W. Bassett, "	28.94	
W. B. Kelley, "	3.75	
Samuel Moody, "	3.70	— \$ 43.14
EDWARD JENKINS, (Falmouth)		
W. B. Kelley, supplies,	34.26	
S. B. Kelley, "	30.00	
S. J. Miles, "	10.00	
Louis Edmonds, Medical Aid,	10.00	— 84.26
LYDIA CHIPMAN, (Boston)		
J. S. Chase, supplies,	26.00	
Dr. Louis Edmonds, Medical Aid,	3.00	— 29.00
JOSIE P. HOLWAY, (Yarmouth)		
Overseers of Poor, supplies, cash,	22.00	
W. B. Kelley, supplies,	10.50	
Louis Edmonds, M. D., Med. Aid,	38.00	— 70.50
(To be refunded.)		\$374.90
No Appropriation.		

ASA L. JONES,  
 DAVID L. SMALL,  
 D. M. NICKERSON, JR.,  
*Overseers of the Poor.*

## STATE AID.

## PAID UNDER CHAPTER 301, ACTS OF 1894:

To Beneficiaries,	\$1357.00
Appropriation,	1300.00
Exceeded Appropriation,	\$ 57.00
To be refunded by State,	\$1357.00

## ELECTION EXPENSES. (1896)

Charles T. Chase,	Election Officer,	\$2.50
James E. Chase,	" "	2.50
James M. Moody,	" "	5.00
Jonathan Burgess,	" "	2.50
Alpheus E. Tuttle,	" "	2.50
William A. Eldridge,	" "	2.50
James B. Eldridge,	" "	2.50
Benj. C. Kelley,	" "	2.50
J. K. Robbins,	" "	5.00
Martin L. Chase,	" "	2.50
Osmyn Berry,	" "	2.50
Harry M. Young,	" "	2.50
Roland F. Smith,	" "	2.50
Myron W. Rogers,	" "	2.50
Edgar F. Bassett, preparing and removing booths,		6.25
H. H. Murphy, repairs on railing,		4.60
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		\$50.85

No Appropriation.

## REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

Chas. A. Eldridge, school outbuilding, E. Harwich, \$14.88

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Amount Expended,	14.88
Unexpended,	\$285.12

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

A. P. Goss, Town Reports of 1895,	\$117.87
A. P. Goss, printing, advertising, tax and account books and stationery,	78.29
Salt Water Pond, 1895,	1.87
Salt Water Pond, 1896, material for abutment,	44.00
Chester Snow, rent of Exchange, Feb. 3 and 4, Annual Meeting,	70.00

Chester Snow, rent of Exchange, Graduation and Election,	\$70.00
Chester Snow, rent of Exchange, Republican Caucus,	35.00
S. B. Moody, rent of Chapel, Special Town Meeting, March 30,	4.00
W. B. Kelley, rent of Social Hall, Dem. Caucus,	5.00
Seth Paine, carting and setting up stove at town office,	1.50
Seth Paine, use of derrick at No. Harwich, 1895,	49.00
Seth Paine, furnishing one-half boundary stone between Harwich and Chatham,	3.00
J. F. Tobey, supplies for town office,	1.00
Freeman W. Cahoon, repairs in town office,	3.80
W. F. Sears, lumber for town office,	6.47
C. E. Hamer & Co., lumber for railing and shelves and labor,	9.31
C. E. Hamer & Co., lumber for sheathing vault,	2.16
Alpheus Howes, stove repairs at town office,	5.75
Geo. N. Munsell, salary for doctoring town poor, 12 months,	125.00
D. L. Small, stationery,	.20
James M. Nickerson and wife, damage from snow on highway,	5.00
B. F. Bee, printing,	6.25
A. F. Sherman, Abstracts of Deeds,	15.00
Chas. Theo. Russell, legal advice to Selectmen,	10.00
William H. Bassett, Police services,	10.00
William H. Bassett, executing Dog Warrant,	5.00
Seth B. Wixon, Police services,	2.00
Joshua D. Allen, " "	2.00
Richard Gage, " "	2.00
F. D. Underwood, " "	2.00
E. L. Ellis, " "	2.00
H. H. Murphy, " "	2.00
John H. Drum, postage stamps,	2.00
F. S. Blanchard & Co., Mass. Year Book,	1.50
Robert T. Swan, (Com. of Records) rebinding Sipson record,	13.00
Patrick Kelley, error in settlement of taxes of '94,	6.44

Levi Long, services with the hearse, 1896,	\$ 21.25
A. L. Jones, services with the hearse, 1896,	47.50
Joshua Pierce, Dennis, services with the hearse, '96,	1.50
Travelling expenses on account of paupers and	
Board of Health, including horse hire,	133.75
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	\$923.41
Appropriation,	800.00
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Exceeded appropriation,	\$123.41

## BURIAL EXPENSES OF SOLDIERS.

PAID UNDER CHAPTER 279, ACTS OF 1896.

A. L. Jones, funeral supplies to estate of Joseph	
Crabe, (to be refunded)	\$35.00
No appropriation.	

## LOCKUP.

Berlin Iron Bridge Co., one cell, (net)	\$119.95
N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R., freight,	5.05
E. L. Ellis, cartage,	2.00
Henry H. Phillips, setting up cell, etc.,	6.25
Freeman Cahoon, " " " "	2.50
C. E. Hamer, lumber,	.81
W. B. Kelley, "	2.52
Alpheus Howes, hardware,	.59
S. K. Crowell, paint,	2.35
	_____
	\$142.02
Appropriation,	\$150.00
Expended,	142.02
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Unexpended,	\$ 7.98

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mrs. C. C. Baker, nursing Emily Chase, (diphtheria)	\$ 7.00
Geo. D. Smalley, supplies for disinfecting J. Baker's house,	1.00
Mary L. Ellis, cleaning J. Baker's house,	10.00
Louis Edmonds, M. D., disinfecting J. Bak- er's house,	4.50
Louis Edmonds, M. D., disinfecting J. F. Clark's house,	3.25
Spencer P. Ellis, disinfecting G. H. O'Brien's house,	6.35
Spenceer P. Ellis, disinfecting W. H. Ellis' house,	8.60
George N. Munsell, disinfectants for W. H. Ellis' house,	3.00
Geo. N. Munsell, disinfectants for Geo. H. O'Brien's house,	5.00
Young Bros., supplies to Geo. H. O'Brien,	1.49
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	\$50.19

Appropriation,	\$200.00
Expended,	50.19
Unexpended,	\$149.81

## TAX ABATEMENTS.

Osmyn Berry, overtaxed,	\$ 1.45
Nehemiah W. Chase, overtaxed,	1.45
Jon. C. Hall, no property,	2.61
Estate of Seabury Eldridge, inability,	6 96
Anna J. Norris, overtaxed,	6.47
Evelyn Burgess, overtaxed,	2.46
Thomas R. Grew, disability,	2.03
Henry Baker, error,	.58
Bartlett Cobb, disability,	3.02
Coy Brook Cranberry Co., error,	14.50
Robert S. Katenhorn, no property,	1.16

Ross G. Chase, overtaxed,	\$ .73
Sanford Freeman, no property,	.87
Edwin W. Freeman, overtaxed,	2.90
Herbert F. Robbins, no property,	2.15
Heirs George B. Taylor, exempt,	.29
Edwin K. Bearse, no property,	2.73
Augustus C. White, overtaxed,	2.32
M. S. Ayer, property taxed in Boston,	23.20
Jos. W. Crowell, no property,	1.16
Frank P. Hall, overtaxed,	1.50
Aaron E. Baker, overtaxed,	.73
Walter I. Paine, property twice taxed,	.87
Gilbert Robbins, inability,	3.32
John N. Kelley, overtaxed, (personalty)	2.90
Jos. W. Chase, inability,	.49
Benj. W. Kendrick, property taxed twice,	1.45
Rufus Gray, no property,	1.01
James W. Cahoon, no property,	.73
Ephraim Doane, inability,	2.00
Levi Long, overtaxed,	2.18
Estate Warren E. Nickerson, one poll,	2.00
Rufus H. Small, no property,	.73
Cyrus C. Cahoon, overtaxed, (property not owned)	10.58
	—
	\$109.53

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Expended,	109.53
Unexpended,	\$190.47

#### SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid D. M. Nickerson, for services,	\$10.00
“ for telegrams, etc.,	1.00
	—
	\$11.00
Appropriation,	\$100.00
Expended,	11.00
	—
Unexpended,	\$ 89.00

## FIRE WARDS.

James H. Eldridge,	\$ 6.00
Alonzo Kendrick,	2.85
E. A. Cahoon,	12.03
Benj. F. Hall,	17.75
William P. Nichols,	33.80
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	\$72.43

No appropriation.

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## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Watson B. Kelley, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, Board of Health, 1 month,	\$ 27.50
Ambrose N. Doane, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, Board of Health, 1 month,	22.50
Asa L. Jones, Selectman, Assessors, Overseer of Poor, Board of Health, 12 months,	253.15
David L. Small, Selectman, Assessor, Over- seer of Poor, Board of Health, 11 months,	227.91
D. M. Nickerson, Jr., Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, Board of Health, 11 mos.,	201.00
George N. Munsell, School Committee, 1 year,	46.25
Warren J. Nickerson, " " " "	66.65
S. A. Hayward, " " " "	31.50
Michael B. Chase, Constable services,	7.50
Mark F. Nickerson, " " "	4.00
Patrick Kelley, in full for premiums collecting taxes, 1893, West Section,	135.12
Patrick Kelley, for premiums for collecting taxes, West Section, 1894,	183.90
Patrick Kelley, final settlement, premiums, West Section, 1895,	33.54
Ezra Eldridge, in full for premiums, collect- ing taxes, 1894, East Section,	96.94
John A. Baker, Inspector of Cattle from Mar. 4, 1895, to March 2, 1896,	50.50
(Refunded by State \$18.75.)	

*Selectmen's Salaries last year* <sup>(1895)</sup> *808.50*  
*732.06*  
*\*76.44*

Davis Lothrop,	Registrar of Voters,	\$ 16.25
D. F. Weekes,	" " "	16.25
Levi Snow,	" " "	7.50
Joshua H. Paine,	" " "	16.25
Ephriam Doane,	" " "	8.75
		—————
		\$1452.96
Appropriation,		1000.00
		—————
Exceeded appropriation,		\$ 452.96

SCHOOLS, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES, SUPERINTENDENT, REPAIRS AND INCIDENTALS.

Paid on approved orders of School Committee,	\$6823.59
(Including \$15.00 School Committee salary, S. A. Hayward, which should have been reported under head of Town Officers' Salaries.	
Appropriations,	5800.00
	—————
Exceeded appropriations,	\$1023.59

ROADS.

Paid P. A. Atkins, order of R. Eldridge, labor on Brewster road, 1895,	\$ 25.31
" R. Eldridge, 1895,	21.94
" G. H. Snow for clay, account O. C. Baker, R. C.,	25.90
" W. B. Kelley, drain pipe, O. C. Baker, R. C.,	5.40
" O. C. Baker,	735.66
" Ebenezer Weekes, 2nd,	884.34
" Ezra Eldridge,	840.96
	—————
	\$2539.51
Appropriation,	2000.00
	—————
Exceeded appropriation,	\$ 539.51

## BRIDGES.

Paid O. C. Baker,	\$303.46
“ Ebenezer Weekes, 2nd,	8.60
“ Ezra Eldridge,	1.60
	—————
	\$313.66
Appropriation,	300.00
	—————
Exceeded appropriation,	\$ 13.66

## SNOW.

Paid. R. Eldridge,	\$ 2.52
“ O. C. Baker,	107.00
“ Ebenezer Weekes, 2nd,	87.41
“ Ezra Eldridge,	76.38
	—————
	\$273.31
Appropriation,	100.00
	—————
Exceeded appropriation,	\$ 173.31

## RECAPITULATION.

	<i>Expended.</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>
Almshouse,	\$1239.40	\$1200.00
Poor Outside of Almshouse,	842.21	1600.00
Support of State Paupers,	126.81	None
"    " Insane,	935.04	850.00
"    " Poor for other Towns and cities,	374.90	None
Election Expenses,	50.85	None
Repairs on Buildings,	14.88	300.00
Miscellaneous,	923.41	800.00
State Burial of Veteran Soldiers,	35.00	None.
Lockup,	142.02	150.00
Board of Health,	50.19	200.00
Tax Abatements,	109.53	300.00
Suppression of Crime,	11.00	100.00
Fires and Fire Wards,	72.43	None.
Town Officers' Salaries,	1452.96	1000.00
Schools, Supt., Books and Supplies, Repairs, etc.,	6823.59	5800.00
Roads,	2539.51	2000.00
Bridges,	313.66	300.00
Snow,	273.31	100.00
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	\$16330.70	
State Aid, to be refunded by State, 1897,	1357.00	1300.00
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	\$17687.70	\$16000.00
Appropriation,	16000.00	
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Exceeded appropriation,	\$ 1687.70	

## STATE HIGHWAY.

Owing to the fact that there are in circulation many conflicting ideas relative to the construction of a State Highway in this town, and as some of the ideas are based upon information coming from unreliable sources, we deem it advisable to submit the following statement:

During 1895 the State Highway Commission had verbally promised the Selectmen of Harwich that if an appropriation of one million dollars was made for State Highways in 1896 the claims of the Town of Harwich for at least one mile of State Road, including the bridge at West Harwich known as Job's bridge, would be considered.

In March, 1896, after notification to all towns, a hearing was held in the old Hall of Representatives at the State House by the Joint Committee on Roads and Bridges, at which nearly every town in the Commonwealth was represented.

The Selectmen of Harwich attended the hearing, and advocated, together with the selectmen of many other towns, an appropriation of one million dollars.

Later the Legislature appropriated six hundred thousand (\$600,000) dollars. In June a conference was held by the Selectmen of the Town of Harwich and a member of the Highway Commission, a stenographic report of which is on file in the town office.

At a meeting of the Board on the day following this conference, representatives of towns having no state road finished or under construction, were informed that no road would be allotted to them during 1896. In the case of Harwich, however, decision was reserved until July 11, when the following communication was received.

OFFICE OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION, JULY 11, 1896.

MR. A. L. JONES, CHAIRMAN OF SELECTMEN, HARWICH, MASS.:

DEAR SIR: In reply to your letter of July 8, I am directed by the Board to say that nothing can be done this year in Harwich, owing to the small amount of appropriation at the disposal of the Commission.

A copy of the conference held in this office on June 10th, to which you refer, will be sent you in a few days.

Yours truly,

A. B. FLETCHER,

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION.

The Highway Commission had been severely criticised for its action in 1894-5 in allotting separate miles of State Road so far apart.

The past year this policy was entirely changed and but one mile has been built in the state which did not connect with some State Road already built or under construction, so that if a mile had been allotted to Harwich in 1896, it would have been one of two only throughout the state.

In 1895, after it was decided that the petition for a State Road in Harwich would not be granted, the selectmen made a strenuous effort for the state to rebuild the bridge at Herring River, which would be included in the first mile of road, provided such road was built.

The Highway Commission officially neither refused nor granted this petition, but did send their engineer to inspect the bridge, report its condition, and roughly estimate the probable cost of a new one.

The fact that this inspection was made and that the selectmen were trying for the bridge to be rebuilt by the State, accounts for the belief which generally obtained throughout the town, more especially in the West Section, that the commissioners intended to rebuild this bridge before an allotment was made for a State Road in Harwich.

It has since been learned that this scheme was of doubtful practicability, a member of the Highway Commission having informed the selectmen the present year that they were doubtful as to the legality of using the appropriation for State Roads to build a bridge without any road; and also the fact of that bridge being included in the first mile of road petitioned for was possibly detrimental to the granting of the petition from Harwich, or to quote literally, "We are not looking for ANY mile of road with a bridge in it."

At the present writing the prospect for Harwich to be allotted a piece of State Road in 1897 looks brighter, the commissioners having been informed that an article, asking for action by the town concerning the bridge, is to be inserted in the Warrant calling the Annual Town Meeting for 1897, have suggested that the selectmen confer with them in reference to road and bridge.

In almost every case where towns have contracted for

State Roads they have lost money by so contracting. The State now gives the option to towns either to contract or not. In case of failure to contract, the building of the road to be let to private parties. In the latter case the expense to the town is only that incurred for the preliminary survey and the land damages.

This would seem to be the safest way for towns to act.

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#### GRADE CROSSING AT HARWICH.

The County Commissioners' records of Barnstable show that in 1890 the Selectmen of Harwich petitioned that body relative to a change of the grade crossing at Harwich depot. They also show that after a proper notice to all parties interested a hearing was held, that the commissioners decided a change to be necessary, and that they prescribed the manner and limits according to which such change should be made.

The next step should have been for the selectmen or some one of the parties to petition the Superior Court for the appointment of a Special Commission, who would have determined which party was to execute the County Commissioners' decision, and what part each should bear of the expense of constructing the overhead bridge and keeping it and its approaches in repair. It does not appear this step was taken.

Taking into consideration that about six years are elapsed since the order of the County Commissioners issued, and that said order required the work to be completed within one year from its date, it is extremely doubtful about there being any force in what has already been done.

The attitude of the R. R. Corporation is this: They have never been ordered to execute the change determined by the County Commissioners, and naturally enough they do not propose to take the initiative in a matter that means a big expense to them. However, their agent has tacitly promised that the R. R. Co. will not appear in Court to offer any remonstrance if any other party files a petition to enforce the abolition of such grade crossing.

A comparatively recent Act of the Legislature offers a more direct method of adjusting such cases and approximately fixes the expense therefor. Without calling upon the County Commissioners the Superior Court may be petitioned with reference to the same matter. If it deems it necessary, the Court after a hearing, appoints a Special Commission whose duty is about identical with those appointed under the old law. The finding of said Commission is made final and binding by a decree of the Court.

The R. R. Co. pays sixty-five per cent. of the total cost of making the change, and the Special Commission appor-tions the remainder between the Commonwealth and the town with the restriction that the town shall not bear more than ten per cent. of such cost.

When completed, the framework of the overhead bridge and its abutments are maintained and kept in repair by the R. R. Co. and the surface of the bridge and its approaches are maintained and kept in repair by the town.

The foregoing is submitted that our citizens may be led to thoroughly investigate the subject and be ready to act intelligently thereon, whenever it comes up at Town Meet-ing for discussion.

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#### LIST OF JURORS

Of the Town of Harwich for 1897, prepared by the Selectmen Jan. 9, 1897.

Joseph N. Atkins, Cranberry Grower  
 Charles C. Allen, Blacksmith  
 John A. Baker, Poultry Dealer  
 T. B. Baker, Jr., Book-keeper  
 Rufus P. Butler, Cranberry Grower  
 Henry T. Crosby, Marble Worker  
 Richard Baker, Carpenter  
 Sherman F. Bassett, Carpenter  
 Sheldon K. Crowell, Merchant  
 Valentine Doane, Cranberry Grower  
 Samuel A. Ellis, Merchant,

Emulous Hall, Cranberry Grower  
Thomas D. Kenney, Cranberry Grower  
Shadrack Kelley, Carpenter  
Sidney B. Moody, Merchant  
George B. Mecarta, Cranberry Grower  
Charles E. Hamer, Lumber Dealer  
Nehemiah E. Nickerson, Cranberry Grower  
Seth Paine, Mason  
Walter I. Paine, Mason  
Harvey C. Phillips, Painter  
Joseph K. Robbins, Cranberry Grower  
Henry B. Snow, Salesman,  
Ebenezer Weekes, 2nd, Road Commissioner  
Alonzo Kendrick, Coal Dealer  
Freeman Ryder, Cranberry Grower  
Rufus H. Small, Cooper  
Elisha H. Bearse, Retired Seaman  
Harry H. Murphy, Wheelwright and Blacksmith  
Richard McGrand, Farmer  
Charles R. Clark, Salesman  
Harry M. Young, Merchant  
William A. Eldridge, Painter  
Elijah L. Stokes, Meat Merchant  
Edgar D. Kelley, Sailmaker  
Richard L. Baker, Cranberry Grower  
Joseph W. Crowell, Cranberry Grower

ASA L. JONES,  
DAVID L. SMALL,  
DARIUS M. NICKERSON, JR.,

*Selectmen of Harwich.*

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF HARWICH FOR  
THE YEAR 1896, ETC.

Valuation of Real Estate, 1895,	\$860,220.00
"    "    "    "    1896,	859,290.00
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Decrease,	\$ 930.00

Valuation of Personal Property, 1896,	\$256,365.00
"    "    "    "    1895,	248,550.00
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Increase,	\$ 7,815.00

Total Valuation, 1896,	\$1,115,655.00
"    "    "    1895,	1,108,770.00
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Increase,	\$ 6,885.00

Number of Polls,	710
"    "    Dwelling Houses,	834
"    "    Horses,	367
"    "    Cows,	186
"    "    Swine, (taxed)	29
Rate of Taxation on \$1000,	\$14.50
Number of Acres of Land,	8670

Respectfully Submitted,

ASA L JONES,  
DAVID L. SMALL,  
D. M. NICKERSON, JR.

*Selectmen of Harwich.*

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN FOR 1897.

Cash in Treasury, Jan. 12, 1896,	\$2592.73
Due from State for State Aid for 1896,	1357.00
"    "    "    "    Supt. of Schools, estimated,	595.00
"    "    "    "    State Paupers,	104.00
"    "    "    "    Other Towns for Support of Paupers,	227.00
"    "    "    "    Herring Brook,	500.00
"    "    "    "    State for Burial of Veteran Soldier,	35.00
"    "    "    "    Taxes, West Section, 1895,	389.59
"    "    "    "    1896,	4393.41
"    "    "    "    East    "    1895,	383.45
"    "    "    "    1896,	2743.47
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	\$13320.65

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders,	\$ 26.21
Note at Cape Cod Five Cent Savings Bank,	
contracted 1894,	2000.00
School Bills Unpaid,	33.50
State Aid for 1897, estimated,	1400.00
Unpaid Bills, 1896, "	400.00
Premiums, Abatements and Uncollectable	
Taxes of 1895-6, estimated,	1450.00
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	\$5309.71

Resources,	\$13,320.65
Liabilities,	5,309.71
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Estimated Balance in Favor of	
Town, Jan. 12, 1897, -----	\$ 8,010.94 -----

The Town owns Real Estate not used for Town Purposes as follows:

Homestead at North Harwich, estimated value,	\$50.00
Land of the late Hezekiah Moody, " "	10.00
Land of the late Marshall Kelley, " "	10.00
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	\$70.00

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

REPORT OF EBENEZER WEEKES, 2D, COMMISSIONER OF  
EAST SECTION.

Amount expended from Jan. 1st, 1896, to Jan. 1st, 1897:

For Roads,	\$854.34	722.08
Snow,	87.41	87.41
Drains,	15.14	15.14
Railing,	11.96	11.96
Bridges,	8.60	11.96
Guideboards,	2.90	8.60
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	\$980.35	2.90

Paid for labor, etc., on roads in East Section as follows:

Rufus P. Butler,	\$ 2.13	Arthur N. Kenney, \$13.12
Melville W. Small,	12.60	Wm. F. Sears, for drain
Joshua Cash,	16.05	pipe, posts and railing, 18.35
Edgar A. Nickerson,	18.33	Alonzo Kendrick, 17.40
Nathaniel A. Cahoon,	5.40	Samuel Small, 20.55
Joel B. Cahoon,	.38	Elkanah B. Long, 9.91
George H. Eldredge,	6.37	Wilfred A. Nickerson, 26.55
Ernest L. Nickerson,	6.30	William H. Doane, 42.98
Nathan Walker,	6.15	Rinaldo Eldridge, for
Zeddie Nickerson,	1.05	Nathan Walker & Son, 8.10
Joseph M. Walker,	27.45	Alonzo F. Nickerson, 30.28
Freeman H. Rogers,	7.05	E. L. Stokes, 11.85
Ray W. Rogers,	.30	George L. Sparrow, 19.65
John Holmes,	1.58	Elmer Kendrick, 1.65
Anthony S. Crowell,	.23	Hiram E. Nickerson, 7.80
Lawrence Rogers,	.30	Jabez Crowell, Jr., 21.97
T. Carrol Nickerson,	.45	Jabez Crowell, 48
Frederic Nickerson,	1.80	loads clay, 1.44
Frank Eldridge,	2.74	Ziba Cahoon, 12.30
Ensign L. Jerauld,	1.13	Z. H. Ellis, 21.90
Joseph A. Nickerson,	.45	Z. H. Ellis, 14 loads
Isaac L. Kendrick,	3.30	loam, .28
Nathan B. Walker,	.60	Everett N. Doane, .68
Abial C. Taylor,	6.90	Elmer Crowell, .75

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William A. Eldredge,		Alonzo Nickerson,	\$4.96
paint and labor,	\$ 2.50	Alexander Chase,	5.25
Hiram L. Crowell,	2.18	Estate of M. Young,	
Joshua Kendrick,	9.60	122 loads of loam,	2.44
Joseph H. Nickerson,	2.10	William R. Chase,	.60
Timothy Davis,	.60	Eli Bassett,	.60
Moses Handren,	4.05	Henry Small,	1.50
James W. Jerauld,	.45	William Barnes,	.38
Everett Bassett,	.60	Simeon Nickerson,	.45
Ambrose Freeman,		Ephraim A. Eldredge,	1.65
544 loads clay,	16.32	Asa S. Rogers,	.30
Warren J. Nickerson,	.45	Davis Rogers,	.68
Sears L. Moore,	4.65	Thomas D. Kenney,	.30
Albert Nickerson,	.30	Joseph F. Robbins,	.26
Samuel T. Nickerson,	10.73	Arthur M. Small,	.86
Nathan E. Nickerson,	.60	Isaac H. Chase, 14 loads	
Frank Emery,	16.96	loam,	.28
Winthrop Small,	19.96	E. F. Nichols,	1.65
Charles S. Small,	1.20	W. H. Nichols,	1.65
Abijah C. Long,	1.88	Stephen Cahoon,	.45
Ephraim Bassett,	17.21	M. A. Pena,	1.05
Wilbur T. Crowell,	10.51	Bert Nickerson,	1.20
Rufus H. Small,	12.30	P. H. Bassett,	.60
B. H. Ellis,	2.85	Joseph Silva,	1.05
Daniel Small,	1.50	V. C. Bassett,	.90
Peter Viera,	9.83	Lawrence Jasin,	1.05
John L. Silva,	4.32	S. T. Ellis,	.68
Carroll F. Doane,	.75	Cornelius Eldredge,	.83
William R. Cahoon,	7.20	Herbert Eldredge,	.55
Lewis Long,	.45	Fred Eldredge,	.55
Winifred C. Higgins,	23.96	J. M. Lopes,	.68
Bangs Nickerson, 1425		J. P. Clark,	.15
loads loam,	28.50	S. Smith,	.30
Moses E. Small,	26.10	J. L. Chase,	.23
Elam Cash,	3.98	Joseph Jonsel,	.30
C. E. Wilbur,	23.25	James Morris,	.30
Charles J. Eldredge,	1.58	Willie Higgins,	.38
Albert E. Higgins,	.75	Andrew Kendrick,	.30

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REPORT OF EZRA ELDIDGE, COMMISSIONER OF MIDDLE SECTION.

Expended from Jan. 1st, 1896, to Jan. 1st, 1897.

Paid for Labor on Roads,	\$734.95	✓
"    " Clay and Loam,	36.92	✓
"    " Repairs on Bridges,	1.80	✓
"    " Railings and Spouts, Stock and Labor,	66.78	✓
"    " Clearing Snow from Sidewalks,	15.45	✓
"    " Clearing Snow on Roads,	63.04	✓
Whole Amount Expended,	\$918.94	

Paid for Labor in Middle Section as follows:

Everett L. Ellis,	\$24.74	George F. Kelley,	\$ 8.10
Nathan B. Walker,	20.32	A. L. Nickerson,	1.35
Joseph P. Clark,	2.00	David A. Eldridge,	17.25
Reuben Allen,	.98	James M. Rogers,	8.77
E. L. Eldridge,	10.27	Spencer P. Ellis,	7.09
Benj. H. Ellis,	1.50	G. T. Sisson,	5.48
Chas. H. Taylor, 2nd,	43.35	Mervyn P. Martin,	4.05
Charles Allen,	10.65	Charles B. Snow,	7.80
Oscar J. Cahoon,	1.13	H. B. Snow,	8.10
Herbert W. Bassett,	10.35	Nehemiah E Nickerson,	11.55
Chester Baker,	1.13	U. D. Phillips,	21.31
Valentine E. Bassett,	1.35	Anthony P. Doane,	11.60
Thaddeus Bassett,	18.83	Heman E. Burgess,	17.92
Ahira S. Chase,	13.50	Byron D. Small,	9.07
Herbert Cahoon,	.63	Benj. F. Eldridge, 2nd,	19.12
James S. Baker,	8.10	Barney Taylor,	15.30
C. S. Burgess,	2.02	W. H. Nickerson,	.38
Watson W. Baker,	11.97	Uriah L. Eldridge,	7.48
Fred Baker,	1.35	Allen S. Megathlin,	9.45
Cyrus B. Chase,	9.15	Abijah Curtis Long,	4.05
Joseph Crowell,	.72	W. B. Kelley's man	
Warren E. Nickerson,	8.10	and horse,	9.90
Abner J. Studley,	6.90	John H. Drum's man	
Josie F. Clark,	.75	and horse,	10.58
Daniel B. Small,	7.50	George B. Mecarta,	10.80

Abner Long,	\$ 7.22	Eldridge Bearse,	\$ 4.95
Isaac Long,	1.80	Russell Moody,	4.50
James Doane,	.25	Sanford Robbins,	3.60
Bertram Crosby,	1.35	Charles P. Robbins,	9.23
Freeman E. Ellis,	4.05	Charles B. Robbins,	.15
John K. Nickerson,	.45	Henry K. Bearse,	1.72
James M. Nickerson,	10.95	John P. Eldridge,	2.77
Warren Nickerson,	6.90	Jonathan Burgess,	12.00
Obed Nickerson,	.25	Joseph W. Chase,	3.00
George F. Ellis,	1.20	Zephaniah Nickerson,	3.00
Ralph W. Eldridge,	.97	Cyrus Ellis, 2d,	6.75
Prince A. Atkins,	7.46	Seth Paine,	.75
Oliver F. Kelley,	10.05	Alexander Nickerson,	.25
Lawrence S. Bearse,	1.20	Joshua S. Cash,	4.50
Joseph Butler,	2.40	Joseph N. Atkins,	1.35
Emulous A. Cahoon,	15.75	Joseph B. Atkins,	.38
Charles D. Chase,	5.10	Isaac H. Smith,	1.72
Harvey C. Phillips,	2.85	Moses Chase,	3.60
Joseph Berry,	3.60	Albert D. Chase,	3.07
H. Curtis Ellis,	2.25	Ezra Eldridge,	113.19
Samuel H. Ellis,	7.80	Benj. F. Eldridge, 2nd,	
James H. Ellis,	2.00	account of 1895, Ri-	
Fred Weekes,	2.70	naldo Eldridge, Com-	
Stanley Robbins,	.25	missioner,	2.10
Joseph W. Bassett,	7.13		
E. A. Cahoon's son,	1.00		\$734.95
Rufus H. Eldridge,	1.65		

Paid on Railings and Spouts for Stock and Labor.

Watson B. Kelley, material for railing and spouts,	\$ 4.32
Alvin N. Bassett, nails,	.15
Prince A. Atkins, material for spouts,	1.82
Charles D. Chase, labor,	1.65
John P. Eldridge, labor,	2.40
William F. Sears, drain pipe and strainers,	4.28
Charles E. Hanner & Co., drain pipe and railings,	24.63
Freeman W. Cahoon, labor,	1.70
Richard W. McGrand, labor,	1.70
Samuel J. Miles, nails,	.65

George E. Mecarta, labor,	\$ .56
Patrick H. Cahoon, labor,	2.10
Daniel B. Small, labor,	1.50
Alpheus Howes, nails,	.24
William F. Crapo, posts,	3 43
Ezra Eldridge and horse,	15.65
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	\$66.78

Paid on Bridges, Stock and Labor.

James M. Nickerson, labor on Kelley's,	\$ .90
Edward B. Allen, labor on Allen's,	.30
Ezra Eldridge, labor on Allen's and Kelley's,	.60
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	\$1.80

Paid for Clay and Loam.

Reuben Allen, 8 loads loam at 2 cts.,	\$ .16
John H. Allen, 599 loads clay at 3 cts.,	17.97
Sarah Brooks, 48 loads loain at 3 cts.,	1.44
Joshua S. Cash, 86 loads loam at 2 cts.,	1.72
James M. Nickerson, 378 loads clay at 3 cts.,	11.34
Benj. Eldridge, 143 loads clay,      ↘ ↗	4.29
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	\$36.92

Paid for Clearing Snow from Sidewalks.

Nathan B. Walker and horse,	\$5.25
Chas. H. Taylor, 2nd,      "   "	3.90
Ahira S. Chase,      "   "	3.00
Warren E. Nickerson,      "   "	2.10
Obed E. Nickerson,      "   "	1.20
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	\$15.45

## Paid for Clearing Snow on Roads.

George T. Sisson,	\$ .23	Hez. Doane,	\$ .37
Anthony P. Doane,	.75	Elisha H. Bearse,	.30
Patrick H. Cahoon,	.38	James M. Nickerson,	3.15
Henry B. Snow,	.71	Moses H. Young,	.75
Lorenzo F. Doane,	.82	William H. Nickerson,	.37
Joshua Doane,	1.16	Antone Peina,	.75
Charles D. Chase,	1.87	Manuel Finard,	.37
E. B. Doane,	.26	Frank Finard,	.15
Joseph P. Clark,	.60	Peter Durard,	.37
Cyrus Ellis, 2nd,	.15	Thomas Joseph,	.37
Zephaniah Nickerson,	1.12	Joseph Atkins,	.23
H. Curtis Ellis,	.26	James H. Ellis,	.15
Nehemiah Nickerson,	.75	Joseph Crabe,	2.10
Robert Katenhorn,	1.42	Joseph W. Chase,	.90
Byron D. Small,	.52	Silman Smith,	.45
Gideon Freeman.	.75	Joseph Chase,	.45
Benjamin Doane,	.15	Joe Silver,	1.20
Joseph Crowell,	.82	William P. Nichols,	1.57
Fred Doane,	1.50	W. A. Pena,	1.57
George B. Taylor,	1.28	P. H. Bassett,	.35
Edson E. Bassett,	.23	Lawrence Jasen,	1.57
Samuel H. Ellis,	2.81	Eugene F. Nichols,	1.31
Isaac Long,	2.25	E. P. Bassett,	.82
Reuben Allen,	1.12	Fred Eldridge,	.30
Prince A. Atkins,	.75	Vincent C. Bassett,	.52
Daniel B. Small,	1.87	Joe Ponkhorn,	.45
Cyrus Ellis,	.56	Gordon Silver,	.45
Sanford Robbins,	.19	N. H. Morice,	.45
Watson W. Baker,	.67	Charles P. Robbins,	.63
George B. Chase,	.23	Abner Long,	.52
Warren E. Nickerson,	.45	Ezra Eldridge and	
Bertram Crosby,	.23	horse,	8.92
Daniel Smith,	1.42	Ezra Eldridge,	1.85
Elbridge Bearse,	1.05		
			\$63.04

## RINALDO ELDREDGE, COMMISSIONER MIDDLE SECTION.

## Unpaid bills for 1895.

Paid P. A. Atkins, labor on Brewster Road,	\$25.31
Labor on roads and railing,	21.94
Paid by Selectmen,	\$47.25

## REPORT OF OZIAS BAKER, ROAD COMMISSIONER, WEST SECTION.

Paid for labor on roads,	\$654.14
“ “ clay,	63.98
“ “ labor on railings and drains,	12.79
“ “ lumber for rails and for drain pipes,	36.05
“ “ labor on bridges,	130.20
“ “ lumber for bridges,	173.26
“ “ clearing snow,	107.00
Total Expenditures on West Section,	\$1177.42

## Itemized Account:

## Labor on Roads.

Elmer Robbins,	\$ 2.10	John W. Nickerson,	\$15.23
Nathan B. Smith,	3.75	Robert D. Baker,	4.89
Ross G. Chase,	7.05	Willis Nickerson,	3.38
Freeman D. Ellis,	3.15	Benjamin Sears,	1.80
John E. Ellis,	.15	Andrew K. Chase,	6.09
Seth B. Wixon,	.98	Timothy Mulcahy,	14.78
Seth F. Wixon,	17.55	J. P. McKinley,	6.31
Jas. H. Eldridge,	15.30	Michael B. Chase,	8.10
Frederick W. Chase,	9.75	Charles W. Hayden,	40.80
Clarence Phillips,	8.40	Osmyn Berry,	21.15
Edwin B. Rogers,	21.60	Patrick Kelley,	11.20
Richard W. Rogers,	17.10	Smith Nickerson,	5.05
Zebina Howland,	18.00	Stephen Bassett,	5.40
George F. Ellis,	6.75	Thomas L. Snow,	4.20
Charles W. Chase,	2.40	H. C. Berry,	15.00
Frederick W. Cobb,	3.90	James Cummings,	12.30

H. C. Robbins,	\$ 6.15	Lorenzo D. Cahoon,	\$ 4.05
Joseph A. Baker,	9.15	Josiah Chase,	4.05
Cyrus W. Chase,	12.45	Benj. Hall,	2.70
Edwin Berry,	6.15	Eldorus Cahoon,	2.70
Joseph Ashley,	6.00	Roger Cahoon,	2.70
Nehemiah W. Chase,	11.40	Joshua Baker,	4.05
Darius Chase,	.75	Sylvanus Cahoon,	4.05
Warren E. Nickerson,	3.11	Joseph B. Rogers,	4.05
Edgar Chase,	10.35	Emulous Hall,	4.05
Everett Baker,	4.50	Sylvanus Chase,	4.50
James M. Rogers,	7.20	Joshua Ryder,	1.35
Joshua Doane,	4.50	Edward C. Baker,	2.03
Charles D. Hall,	7.20	Edgar Cahoon,	5.85
Elijah Doane,	2.10	Richard Gray,	3.30
John K. Nickerson,	6.30	Richard Gray, Jr.,	1.20
James B. Doane,	4.20	Frank Chipman,	2.03
Henry A. Phillips,	3.38	James E. Studley,	1.35
Richard Baker,	6.30	Chester Cahoon,	1.43
Ernest Walker,	2.70	Albert Sears,	1.35
Charles T. Chase,	4.80	Marshall E. Chase,	1.35
J. C. Chase,	2.10	Luther Chase,	1.35
Geo. F. Kelley,	5.40	Frank Hall,	1.35
Simeon E. Kendrick,	4.80	Eben Phillips,	1.88
Manuel Spindle,	.30	Edwin Studley,	.68
Davis Lothrop,	7.80	John Hall, 2nd,	2.03
Obed Doane,	1.80	Charles H. Kelley,	9.45
Warren Doane,	1.80	Martin L. Chase,	2.10
Amos F. Wixon,	2.10	Salathiel P. Hall,	2.40
Wm. W. Chase,	1.50	Joseph Sears,	1.95
Brown Simmons,	1.35	Charles Nickerson,	1.65
Robert Chase,	.60	Allie Rogers,	.60
Judson Chase,	.53	O. C. Baker,	52.22
Freeman Ryder,	10.35	O. C. Baker's teams,	38.33
Roland Smith,	2.03		
Albert Parker,	5.25		
			\$654.14

## Clay for Roads.

George H. Snow, 578 loads at 5 cts.,	\$28.90
Wm. H. Underwood, 140 loads at 5 cts.,	7.00
Freeman Ryder, 711 loads at 5 cts.,	5.85

Richard W. Rogers, 140 loads at 5 cts.,	\$ 7.00
Joshua Ryder, 166 loads at 5 cts.,	8.30
John W. Nickerson, 65 loads loam at 3 cts.,	1.95
Mrs. Rose Joslyn, 106 loads loam at 3 cts.,	3.18
James H. Eldridge, 36 loads clay at 5 cts.,	1.80
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	\$63.98

## Labor, Railing and Drains.

Osmyn Berry,	\$1.50
Zebina Howland,	1.50
Edgar Cahoon,	.98
O. C. Baker,	3.00
O. C. Baker's team,	2.25
Everett Cahoon,	.53
Ed. B. Rogers,	.53
George Bassett,	2.50
	_____
	\$12.79

## Lumber and Pipes.

April 6, W. B. Kelley's bill for drain pipe,	\$ 5.40
June 1, " " " " railing,	30.65
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	\$36.05

## Labor on Bridges.

Manuel Spindle,	\$ 7.28	Amos F. Wixon,	8.34
James H. Eldredge,	8.55	John W. Nickerson.	6.00
Charles W. Hayden,	12.45	N. W. Chase,	1.50
Clarence Phillips,	2.03	Charles W. Chase,	.30
Wm. Almy,	3.38	A. K. Chase,	4.66
Geo. F. Ellis,	11.12	F. E. Chase,	5.70
O. C. Baker,	24.45	Chas. F. Hall,	.45
O. C. Baker's team,	9.38	Davis Lothrop,	1.05
Darius Chase,	.38	Richard Rogers,	.75
Osmyn Berry,	2.25	Freeman Ryder,	2.50
Wm. W. Chase,	7.60	John W. Nickerson,	4.08
Albert Nickerson,	3.00		_____
J. D. Ellis,	3.00		\$130.20

## Lumber.

W. B. Kelley's bill for lumber,		\$172.86
W. W. Chase's bill for posts,		.40
		<hr/> \$173.26

## Clearing Snow.

March 1896.			
Frederick W. Chase,	\$ .60	S. P. Hall,	\$1.35
Zebina Howland,	.60	C. B. Nickerson,	.90
Robert Baker,	.60	E. C. Baker,	1.05
O. C. Baker,	.60	R. L. Baker,	1.88
Edwin B. Rogers,	1.50	S. S. Chase,	.60
Richard W. Rogers,	1.20	Rufus Gray,	.60
December, 1896.		John Hall, 2nd,	.98
Osmyn Berry,	1.35	E. F. Ryder,	.45
Zebina Howland,	1.28	F. P. Hall,	1.88
Seth B. Wixon,	1.36	J. H. Barstow,	1.88
Cyrus W. Chase,	.75	N. B. Chase,	.98
Nehemiah W. Chase,	1.96	Allie Rogers,	1.28
Nathan B. Smith,	2.55	Frank Chipman,	.90
Fred M. Chase,	1.05	M. E. Chase,	1.50
Everett Baker,	2.11	Charles E. Hall,	.30
Seth F. Wixon,	2.85	Edgar Cahoon,	1.20
Job D. Chase,	1.28	Ross G. Chase,	.90
Robert Chase,	1.88	Eben Phillips,	1.50
Caleb Chase,	1.58	Edwin L. Chase,	1.35
Willis Bearse,	.76	Gregory Montero,	.60
O. C. Baker,	1.20	Shedrick Kelley,	.45
Barnard Baker,	1.28	John K. Nickerson;	.30
Geo. Cummings,	1.20	W. W. Chase,	2.25
John Bullman,	.30	Amos F. Wixon,	2.40
Richard W. Rogers,	2.03	Brown Simmons,	1.65
Edwin B. Rogers,	2.03	Caleb Simmons,	.60
Chester Cahoon,	1.20	Willis H. Nickerson,	2.40
R. E. Gray,	1.88	Freeman E. Chase,	1.05
R. E. Gray, Jr.,	1.58	Michael B. Chase,	1.05
E. A. Studley,	1.88	Thomas L. Snow,	1.65
S. S. Cahoon,	1.20	Andrew K. Chase,	1.28
		Benjamin Sears,	1.95

Richard Baker,	\$1.20	C. Haley,	\$ 2.10
Timothy Mulcahey,	.60	James B. Doane,	1.65
Charles T. Chase,	2.10	Willis Kelley,	1.65
F. A. Nickerson,	1.05	Elijah Doane,	2.10
John W. Nickerson,	1.50	Manuel Spindle,	2.10
J. P. McKinley,	1.50	Edgar Chase,	.75
S. E. Kendrick,	.75	Robert S. Baker,	.75
R. D. Baker,	1.50	Alonzo Chase,	.75
J. C. Chase,	.75		
Davis Lothrop,	1.80		
Judson Chase,	1.65		
			\$107.00

## GUIDE BOARDS.

Guideboards are maintained at the following places:

On Sisson's Corner, Harwich Port.

Near Exchange Building, Harwich.

“ W. Crapo's. Harwich.

“ M. E. Church, South Harwich.

“ W. F. Sears's, “ “

“ Charles Holmes's, East Harwich.

“ M. E. Church, “ “

“ Joshua Kendrick's, “ “

“ Albert Higgins's, “ “

“ Nathan Nickerson's, “ “

“ Asa S. Rogers', “ “

“ Ephraim Eldredge's, “ “

Would recommend boards to be placed at West Harwich near the church; at North Harwich near Joshua G. Ryder's; at Harwich Port near Charles Jenkins'; at Harwich near National Bank.

## SUMMARY.

Amount expended for Roads,	\$2344.33
Appropriation,	2000.00
Exceeded Appropriation,	\$ 344.33
Expended for Snow,	\$272.90
Appropriation,	100.00
Exceeded Appropriation,	\$172.90
Expended for Railing and Spouts,	\$142.72
No Appropriation,	
Expended for Bridges,	\$313.86
Appropriation,	300.00
Exceeded Appropriation,	\$ 13.86
Expended for Guide Boards,	\$2.90

OZIAS C. BAKER,  
EZRA ELDRIDGE,  
EBENEZER WEEKES, 2ND,

*Commissioners.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOSHUA H. PAIN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE  
TOWN OF HARWICH.

	DR.
Cash on hand July 14, 1896,	\$ 696.85
Received from :	
State, for Support of Paupers,	185.14
" " transporting Town Paupers,	1.38
" " Inspection of Cattle,	18.75
" " Income of Mass. School Fund,	269.20
" " Corporation Tax,	1741.84
" " National Bank Tax,	407.91
" " State Aid of 1895, Chapter 301,	1322.00
" " Tax on Foreign Ships,	32.55
City of Boston on Pauper account,	47.25
" " New Bedford, account Gowell Chase, '95,	96.00
" " " " " " " '96,	96.00
County Treasurer, Dog Tax,	222.14
Town of Falmouth, account Edwin Jenkins,	69.51
" " Brewster, account of Phebe Nickerson,	56.26
" " Orleans, use of Lockup,	4.00
" " Brewster, Tuition of Scholars, High School,	30.00
District Court, balance of Fines,	49.34
Antone Lucas, Billiard and Pool Table License,	2.00
A. H. Woodhouse, Billiard and Pool Table License,	2.00
Rinaldo Eldridge, Auctioneer's License,	2.00
Charles H. Kelley, " "	2.00
Darius M. Nickerson, Jr., " "	2.00
Wm. H. Fratus, Peddler's License,	8.00
Cyrus W. Kelley, " "	8.00
W. H. Herbolt, Merry-go-Round License,	35.00
Washburn's Circus License,	10.00
F. W. Baker, Butcher's License,	1.00
Chester Snow, Skating Rink License,	2.00
W. B. Kelley, Guardian of Pliny Doane, Pension,	135.50
Thomas D. Sears, Rebate from State Account Supt. of Schools,	650.00
Freeman H. Ryder, use of Herring Brook,	500.00

Received from :

Friendship Circle, use of Schoolhouse at Har-  
wich Port,

			\$	15.00
-	Estate of Emeline Berry, Refunded,			12.65
	Estate of Orrick Ellis, from Paddock Small,			8.00
	Peter Viera, Payment of Note,			1.60
	Delilah O'Brien, Refunded on account of child,			4.85
	Joseph Peters, Refunded,			2.50
	Frank Nunis, Refunded,			2.00
	Mrs. Jacob Nickerson, Refunded,			12.00
	Z. H. Ellis, for Orrick Ellis,			7.50
	Estate Daniel T. Nickerson, Tax of 1893,			4.00
	O. C. Baker, for old plank sold,			4.22
	N. B. Walker, for one-half part homestead of late Joseph Eldridge,			10.00
	Z. H. Ellis, on account land of the late Julias Nickerson,			5.00
	Sale of Hay on late Jonathan Buck's Place,			1.00
	C. H. Kelley, Tax on Stock and Trade, 1895,			1.50
	Keeper of Town Farm, for sales of milk,			42.75
“	“ “ “ “ sale of cow,			20.00
“	“ “ “ “ pork,			8.00
“	“ “ “ “ turnips,			4.00
	Two Notes at C. C. F. C. Savings Bank,			4000.00
	Cape Cod National Bank Tax,			5437.50
	Ezra Eldredge, Collector, on 1894 Tax,			60.00
“	“ “ “ 1895 “			1873.20
P. Kelley,	“ “ 1894 “			399.82
“	“ “ 1895 “			3117.32
C. D. Hall,	“ “ 1895 “			331.00
A. S. Megathlin,	“ “ 1896 “			3850.35
C. D. Hall,	“ “ 1896 “			5185.65

\$31127.03

*Amount of taxes taken in 1896  
& back taxes paid in outlay from \$4817.34*

*referred*  
*In the years referred to 13731.54*

## JOSHUA H. PAINE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF

HARWICH. CR.

Paid Outstanding Orders of 1895,	\$ 46.32
“ Town Orders of 1896,	16304.49
“ State Aid Orders of 1896,	1357.00
“ Committee Settling with Treasurer, 1895,	12.00
“ B. F. Bee, Printing Town Ballots,	8.00
“ J. S. Chase, Reimbursed by City of Boston,	10.00
“ C. C. Savings Bank, Interest on Notes,	207.78
“ “ “ “ Two Notes,	4000.00
“ County Tax,	1259.18
“ Town Clerk, Preparing Tally Sheets,	3.00
“ “ “ Services on Election Day,	2.50
“ Myron Rogers, Reparing Ballot Box,	2.00
“ Ezra Eldridge, Expense and Tax on J. Buck's Property,	13.00
“ State Tax,	875.00
“ National Bank Tax to the State,	4065.88
“ Physicians, Return of Births,	6.50
“ Levi Long, Return of Deaths,	3.75
“ Town Treasurer's Salary,	200.00
“ Town Clerk Recording 38 Births,	19.00
“ “ “ 34 Marriages,	5.10
“ “ “ 55 Deaths,	15.00
“ Transporting Ballot Box and Posting Notices,	4.35
“ Justices' Services, Administering Oaths, etc.,	1.55
“ Fees to Officers, by order District Court Judge,	18.15
“ A. F. Sherman, Recording Deeds,	2.86
“ Insurance on Town's Buildings,	79.34
“ Expressage on Public Documents, etc.,	4.30
“ Postage,	4.96
“ Stationery,	3.29
“ By Cash in Treasurer's Hands,	2592.73
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	\$31127.03

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSHUA H. PAINE, TREASURER.

Your committee appointed to settle the year's accounts with the Town Treasurer, Joshua H. Paine, have this day examined each and every account and voucher in his custody; and have also examined his bank account and funds, and find them correct.

JOSEPH N. ATKINS,  
WILLIAM F. SEARS,

*Committee.*

Harwich, Mass., Jan. 12, 1897.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Auditors elected by the town for 1896, to examine the accounts and vouchers of the town officers, have attended to our duty, and find them correct.

JOSEPH N. ATKINS,  
WILLIAM F. SEARS,

*Auditors.*

Harwich, Mass., Jan. 14, 1897.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN HARWICH IN THE YEAR 1896.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan 23	Victor Stanley,	Edwin F. and Elsie D. Ryder.
" 30	Gertrude French,	Herbert M. and Gertrude Hulse.
Feb 12	Irving Howard,	Herbert F. and Kathleen Berry.
" 14	Glenna Wentworth	Herbert W. and Lottie J. Bassett
Mar 12	Samuel N.,	Samuel W. and Lallah R. Parker
" 21	Dau, died unnamed	James W. and Flora Cahoon.
" 30	Truman Clayton,	Truman and Lottie D. Emery.
Apr 5	Ethel Newton,	Harvey H. and Mary A. Sisson.
" 7	Catherine Jane,	John N. and Annie M. Kelley.
" 8	Madaline,	Alfred E. and Lizzie R. Weekes
May 5	Agnes Isabel,	John W. and Julia A. Bulman.
" 6	Josiah Emery,	Josiah S. and Emmie T. Chase.
" 13	Max Rosem,	Edwin and Hattie W. Jenkins.
" 18	Horace Kelsey,	J. Burleigh and Alseno A. Atkins
" 20	Edith,	John and Tillie Lopes.
June 10	Lura,	Emulons and Kate Hall.
" 16	Charles Henry,	Charles D. and Annie L. Hall.
" 18	Laban,	Laban and Kate F. Snow.
" 22	Minnie Esther,	James E. and Minnie B. Crabe.
" 26	Sou,	George W. and Priscilla Cahoon
" 29	Maggie,	John L. and Domingo Silva.
July 3	Norman Adams,	George T. and Daisy B. Sisson.
" 27	Theodore,	Cyrenus S. and Maggie Hunt.
" 30	Leroy Atkins,	Ernest L. and Ruth H. Nickerson
Aug. 5	Belle B.,	Wm. H. and Isabel B. Robinson
" 22	Rebecca Marjorie,	Walter M. and Myra L. Garfield
" 30	Dau,	J. P. and Lucile Halsell.
Sept. 2	Susan Forest,	Albert N. and Lizzie B. Crowell
" 2	Brenard Earl,	Brenard W. and Ruth E. Rogers
" 16	Irene Sears,	James S. and Hattie P. Baker.
Oct. 2	Etta Verner Louis,	Benjamin H. and Clara B. Ellis.
" 7	Irvin,	Willis C. and Lena S. Newcomb
Nov. 2	Son,	S. Curtis and Clara A. Higgins.

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN HARWICH IN THE YEAR 1896.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Nov. 8	Edna,	Otis C. and Louisa K. Nickerson
Dec. 5	Francis Herbert,	Wallace B. and Eliz. J. Taylor.
" 21	Homer Gray,	George T. and Minnie D. Robbins
" 24	Mary Ethleen,	Reu. D. and Eliza A. Kendrick.
" 31	Isaac,	Gregory and Constancia Montero

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1896.

DATE.	NAME OF PARTIES.	AGE	RESIDENCE.
Feb. 22	William E. Chase, Lillian B. Stearns,	33 29	Harwich. Dennis.
Mar. 15	James H. Ellis, Emma J. Cox,	32 37	Harwich. Boston.
" 31	Levi Long, Emily F. Burgess,	66 61	Harwich. Chatham.
April 13	Clarenton S. Nickerson, Nellie B. Crocker,	23 17	Harwich. Falmouth.
" 30	Edward S. Crockett, Flora A. Kelley,	30 24	Boston. Harwich.
May 1	Benjamin H. Ellis, Clara B. Cash,	20 20	Harwich. "
" 17	Harry L. Baker, Martha Franks,	25 25	Boston. "
" 19	Abner F. Long, Abbie Smith,	43 40	Harwich. Dennis.
" 27	George E. Bryers, Grace D. Young,	35 18	Harwich. "
June 10	Addison D. Nickerson, Mary Lillian Snow,	28 28	Medford. Harwich.
" 17	Sidney B. Moody, Hattie Marilla Moody,	30 25	Harwich. "
" 20	Joseph A. Baker, Ruhanah Nickerson,	63 59	Harwich. Barnstable.

Where a question is under debate no motion  
shall be received but

To Adjourn	To Commit
To Lay on the Table	To Amend
Previous Question	To Postpone
To Postpone to a future day	To have proceedings in the order named

1st item  
motions are in  
the order in an  
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## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1896.

DATE.	NAME OF PARTIES.	AGE	RESIDENCE.
June 30	Calvin P. Boyd, Ethel F. Cushman,	47 22	Boston. "
July 9	Wilfred H. Crosby, Sabra D. Kelley,	24 21	Whitman. Harwich.
Aug. 2	Benjamin B. Handren, Rosanna K. Nickerson,	25 24	Harwich. "
Aug. 6	Joseph Peters, Anna Deandrad,	52 25	Harwich. "
Sept. 6	Leston S. Small, Geneva Baker,	25 21	Harwich. Yarmouth.
" 6	Manuel J. Nunis, Mertis E. Nickerson,	23 16	Harwich. "
" 29	Richard E. B. Phillips, Ida M. Ellis,	39 25	Harwich. Dennis.
Oct. 3	William E. Grinnell, Jennie B. Doane,	33 26	Searsport, Maine. Harwich.
Oct. 3	Artemus J. Haynes, Bertha R. Snow,	27 22	Harwich. "
" 8	Joseph F. Dean, Mildred C. Allen,	21 19	Brewster. Harwich.
" 10	Frank Fernande, Sabell Goncales,	21 20	Harwich. "
" 14	Horatio Jacobs, Addie L. Eldredge,	33 24	Harwich. Dennis.

Motion to re-consider  
Motion to Consider - Debate  
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Motions  
in their relations to debate to Amendmants  
and to each other

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MARRIAGES RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1896.

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DATE.	NAME OF PARTIES.	AGE	RESIDENCE.
Oct. 15	Alfonzo King, Ellagah D. Small,	42 32	Central Falls, R. I. Harwich.
" 29	Harry L. Butler, Ida M. Cahoon,	27 21	Bourne. Harwich.
Nov. 14	Edwin A. Studley, Alice B. Phillips,	32 22	Harwich. "
" 19	Louis Deas, Mary Silva,	22 19	Harwich. New Bedford.
" 25	John C. Winn, Laurana M. Eldredge,	26 18	Brewster. Harwich.
" 26	Charles W. Hayden, Elizabeth Johnston,	40 28	Harwich. "
" 28	Erick DeGracia, Jennie G. DeCenta,	23 17	Harwich. "
" 29	Joseph W. Chase, Reliance E. Ellis,	24 23	Harwich. "
Dec. 3	Willie L. Kelley, Emma A. Kelley,	34 25	Harwich. "
" 15	Joseph D. Nickerson, Louise A. Kenney,	22 22	Chatham. Harwich.

Question of Consideration  
Not debatable. Not amendable  
takes precedence of all motions except  
points of order.

Lay on Table  
not Debatable - Not Amendable - Takes  
precedence of all other motions except  
the privileged motions & motions to suspend  
rules. Renewable after an amendment

comes when another is first  
proposed

Postpone to a Certain day  
Debatable. Amendable Takes precedence  
of the motion to amend, but does not cut  
it off - and is of equal rank with motions  
for the previous Question to postpone indefinitely  
to commit 48

DEATHS RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1896.

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.			
			Y	M	D	
Jan. 9	Abner Eldredge,	79				Old Age.
" 14	Nettie N. Nickerson,	48	1	3		Broncho Pneumonia.
" 19	Arthur N. Phillips,	25	11	30		Consumption.
" 21	Nathan W. Nickerson	20	7	23		Hepatitis.
" 24	Joseph Crabe,	86	9	28		Dementia Senilis.
Feb. 5	Martin L. Robbins,	42	1	22		Disease of Heart.
" 8	Edith Small,	82	8	5		Chronic Endocarditis
" 8	Elizabeth Loveland,	75				Broncho Pneumonia.
" 14	Herbert C. Bearse,		11	27		Capillary Bronchitis.
" 14	Mamie L. Bassett,	27	6	10		Consumption.
Mar. 13	Chester Snow,	79	5	2		Disease of Liver.
" 23	Male Cahoon, Unnamed,				2	Internal Hemorrhage
" 23	Adaline Burgess,	77				Vital Degeneration.
" 29	Orrick Ellis,	43	5	1		Consumption.
April 1	Daniel Hall,	59				Paralysis.
" 2	Eliza J. Tripp,	75	6	11		Old Age.
" 2	Fanny Ryder,	83				Old Age.
" 3	Isaiah Doane,	79	8	29		Old Age.
" 15	Seabury Eldredge,	70	11	15		Accidental Burning.
" 16	Nehemiah Baker,	66	4	3		Peritonitis.
" 20	Joseph Eldredge,	80	8			Old Age.
" 21	Marana Allen,	88	3	3		Old Age.
" 22	Hiram C. Nickerson,	74	8	23		Cancer.
" 26	Julius Nickerson,	84	3	12		Old Age.
May 7	Jacob Nickerson,	67				Paralysis.
" 24	Daniel T. Nickerson,	81	9	11		Cancer of Stomach.
" 28	Emeline Berry,	75				Cerebral Apoplexy.
June 27	Harvey H. Sisson,	81	3	26		Paralysis of Brain.
July 7	Lucy P. Mecarta,	62				Nervous Prostration.
" 30	Sophia J. Chase,	67				Cancer of Stomach.
" 31	Edward J. McMullen	21				Fracture of Neck.
Aug. 1	Alonzo Overbaugh,	53				Chronic Nephritis.
" 6	Valentine Doane,	92	17			Old Age.
" 21	Belle B. Robinson,			18		Erysipelas.

Previous Question —

Not debatable No amendable  
Takes precedence of the motion to amend  
but does not cut it off.

To Commit  
Amendable, Debatable -  
Has equal rank with previous question

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DEATHS RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1896.

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y	M	D	
Sept. 3	Elizabeth S. Ellis,	54			Ulceration of Bowels.
" 7	Jane Crowell,	82			Cancer.
" 10	Osborne H. Cobb,	23	3	7	Consumption.
" 15	Mary Underwood,	86	4	3	Old Age.
Oct. 1	Edna L. Cahoon,		3		Deutition.
" 3	Ensign R. Raymond,	61	1	15	Paralysis.
" 3	Willie E. Nickerson,	14		24	Bright's Disease.
" 8	James E. Cahoon,	65	2	2	Consumption.
" 15	Mary P. Fernande,	1	6		Meningitis.
" 31	Alfretta Baker,	43	8	23	Typhoid Fever.
Nov. 16	Lawrence E Kendrick	19	1	16	Appendicitis.
" 18	Warren E. Nickerson	60	2		Consumption Bowels
" 21	Irvin Newcomb,		1	14	Marasmus.
Dec. 11	Maude E. Ellis,	17	1	4	Diphtheritic Croup.
" 12	Joshua Small,	75			Dropsy of Heart.
" 13	Henry P. Cutting,	73			Paralysis.
" 16	Nathan Nickerson,	77			Nervous Exhaustion.
" 28	Ruth P. Cahoon,	90	7	13	Old Age.
" 29	Eunice Eldredge,	86			Blood Poison.
" 30	Thaddeus E. Bassett,	77	11	20	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 30	Charlotte E. Doane,	64	1	13	Apoplexy.

To Amend

Debatable. Amendable when pending  
cannot be cut off by any other motion -

To Fix Day of Adjournment

Debatable. Amendable No procedure  
except when ~~a~~ regular time has been  
fixed to which the assembly shall adjourn  
In that case it takes precedence of a  
motion to adjourn

To. Adjourn

Not Amendable Not debatable

Has precedence of over other motions

See Sec 169-170

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— Recd Rules —

REMARKS.

There has been a decrease of births from the number recorded last year, and it is quite remarkable to notice that the number of male and female children born the past year are exactly alike. Parents have been very prompt in having named their children before the close of the year, only three omissions occurring.

The number of marriages recorded is thirty-four, being the exact number of 1895. The age of the oldest groom is 66; oldest bride, 61; youngest groom, 20; youngest bride, 16. Ten different Clergymen and three Justices performed the several marriage rites. The number married by each is as follows: Rev. Mr. Smith, 8; Rev. Mr. Snow, 7; Rev. Mr. Cutting, 4; Rev. Mr. Haynes, 2; Rev. Messrs. Julien, Bradley, Gaminons, Farley, Lesh and Hammond, 1 each; J. H. Paine, Esq., 4; W. F. Baker, Esq., 2; A. L. Weekes, Esq., 1.

Fifty-five deaths occurred the past year, two in excess of the year previous. The leading cause of death appears to be "old age," as ten persons died from that cause. Six died of consumption. The age of the oldest male person is ninety-two and the oldest female is ninety.

REPORT OF TOWN RECORDS.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth has the past year furnished the town with a new set of books for the recording of births, deaths and marriages. The Commissioner of Public Records, R. T. Swan, Esq., having obtained the records of the division of the "Sipson Purchase" which had been out of the custody of the Clerks of the Town of Harwich for more than a century, has caused the same to be bound by the "Emery Process" at considerable cost, and it is now in the Clerk's office, preserved in a form of binding that will long withstand the ravages of time. The record of division of the "Quason Purchase" was obtained from the possession of outside parties by the present Clerk, and has been bound in a substantial manner and is also in the custody of the Clerk. Thus the town now has the original records of the first division of a large part of the territory of Harwich purchased by the Indians nearly two hundred years ago.

— To take a Recess —

Debatable and Amendable — except when time is already set to resume session then this motion cannot be amended and is not debatable.

Question of Privilege  
Takes precedence of all others  
and the action postponed becomes  
the main question until disposed  
of

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NUMBER AND ACCOUNT OF DOGS LICENSED IN 1896.

Male dogs licensed,	126
Female dogs licensed,	7
Whole number licensed,	133
Whole amount received for licenses,	\$287.00
Clerk's fees for issuing licenses deducted,	26.60
Balance paid County Treasurer,	260.40
Amount retained by County Treasurer,	38.26
Amount received from County Treasurer, Jan. 5, 1897,	\$222.14

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. PAIN, TOWN CLERK.

Incidental Questions  
Not Debatable, Not amendable  
except motions relating to method  
of consideration and division of  
question which are amendable

Motion for Reconsideration  
if agreed upon opens the question again  
for ~~reconsideration~~ debate - If there has  
been an amendment - to the <sup>motion</sup> question  
to be reconsidered ~~for~~ such amendment  
must be reconsidered also

Reconsideration when Permissible  
Reeds Rules Pages 149 & 150 next Page

For ordinary small assemblies  
the motion to reconsider as it exists  
under General Parliamentary law  
will work satisfactorily. —

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Reconsideration now permissible

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee herewith present their report for the year 1896.

### TEACHERS' SALARIES FOR THE YEAR AS FOLLOWS:

High School,	\$777.50
Centre—Grammar, Intermediate and Primary,	977.50
West—Grammar and Primary,	630.00
Port—Grammar and Primary,	457.50
North—Mixed,	330.00
East—Mixed,	330.00
South—Mixed,	318.75
Pleasant Lake—Mixed,	300.00
 Total Salaries for the year,	 \$4121.25

### JANITORS' WAGES.

High and Centre Schools,	\$177.75
West,	82.50
Port,	70.50
North,	66.00
East,	66.00
South,	66.00
Pleasant Lake,	66.00
 Total,	 \$594.75

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FUEL.

High and Centre Schools,	\$103.70
West,	58.45
Port,	29.50
North,	26.75
East,	43.75
South,	23.38
Pleasant Lake,	30.00
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Total,	\$315.53

Teachers' Salaries for the Year,	\$4121.25
Janitors' Wages, " " "	594.75
Fuel, " " "	315.53
Bill Tuition, Town of Orleans,	39.60
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Total,	\$5071.13

AVAILABLE AMOUNT FOR SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by Town,	\$5000.00
State School Fund,	269.20
Rebate on Superintendent's Salary,	239.14
Dog Fund,	222.14
Received from Town of Brewster,	30.00
Balance State School Fund on hand,	3.75
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Total,	\$5764.23
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Expended,	5071.13
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Balance of School Fund Unexpended,	\$ 693.10

## REPAIRS AND INCIDENTAL SUPPLIES.

High School and Centre,	\$ 99.10
West,	57.77
Port,	78.23
North,	28.36
East,	32.26
South,	31.95
Pleasant Lake,	44.94
 Total,	 \$372.61

Books and School Supplies, including freight, express, etc.,	\$481.13
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1896,	192.53
 Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	 \$673.66
 Books and Supplies distributed to Schools,	 310.46
 Salary of Superintendent,	 \$363.20
To be refunded by State,	
 Actual cost of Superintendent,	 \$743.53
 Miscellaneous Printing, etc.,	 619.61
 Taking School Census,	 \$123.92
 \$24.10	
 \$13.25	

## GRADUATION EXPENSES.

Programmes,	\$ 7.00
Diplomas and filling,	9.50
Ribbon, cord, etc.,	1.79
 \$18.29	

## SCHOOL COMMITTEES' SALARIES.

W. J. Nickerson,	\$ 66.65
S. A. Hayward,	46.50
G. N. Munsell,	46.25
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	\$159.40

## TRUANT OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Roland F. Smith,	\$3.00
Michael B. Chase,	1.50
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	\$4.50

## TOTAL EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

Teachers' Salaries,	\$4121.25
Janitors' Wages,	594.75
Fuel,	315.53
Town of Orleans,	39.60
Repairs and Incidental Supplies,	372.61
Salary of Superintendent,	743.53
School Books, Freight, Express, etc.,	481.13
Graduation Expenses,	18.29
Miscellaneous Printing, etc.,	24.10
Taking School Census,	13.25
Truant Officers,	4.50
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	\$6728.54

Old Bills of 1895 paid since Jan. 1, 1896, \$80.00

## ESTIMATES FOR SCHOOLS, 1897.

For Schools,	\$5000.00
" Books and Supplies,	400.00
" Superintendent,	200.00
" Repairs and Incidentals,	200.00
" Miscellaneous,	100.00

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Respectfully Submitted,

WARREN J. NICKERSON, Chairman,  
S. A. HAYWARD, Secretary,  
GEORGE N. MUNSELL, Treasurer,

Harwich, Jan. 12, 1897.

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING,

**Town of Harwich, 1897.**

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BARNSTABLE SS.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF HARWICH,  
IN SAID COUNTY,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Harwich, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at Exchange Hall, in said Harwich, on Monday, the first day of February next, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To determine the rate per cent. to be paid the Tax Collectors for collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and act fully thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To choose a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors of Taxes, three Overseers of the Poor, one School Committee, two Collectors of Taxes, one Road Commissioner, one or more Constables, one or more Auditors, one or more Herring Committees and all other necessary town officers and committees.

ARTICLE 4. To hear the report of the Selectmen and other town officers, and act fully thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To hear the reports of all Special Committees, and act fully thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

*A. O. Jones F. D. C.  
F. D. Woodward  
J. Gould  
F. L. Snow  
C. R. Allen*

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ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and act fully thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will make an appropriation to pay in part or in whole the \$2000 Note borrowed in 1894, still unpaid and held by the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank.

ARTICLE 9. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors? Vote Yes or No.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to issue one druggist's or sixth-class license, in accordance with Chapter 397, Section 10, of the Acts and Resolves of 1896.

ARTICLE 12. To see what action the Town will take to rebuild or repair the bridge near Erastus Chase's store at West Harwich, and act fully thereon and make all necessary appropriations therefor.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to take the necessary steps for the abolition of the grade crossing at Harwich depot, and act fully thereon, and make an appropriation for the same.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars for the Suppression of Crime.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to revoke the acceptance of Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes whereby the present system of Road Commissioners was established, and abolish the same.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to have one or more Surveyors of Highways.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to control and regulate or prohibit the taking of shell fish in the Herring River, and to act fully thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to have a complete list of Tax Payers, together with each item of property, both personal and real, upon which they are taxed, and the amount of each, printed in our Annual Report.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Two Hundred Dollars to the use of the Brooks Library Association to aid in the maintenance of a Public Library at Harwich. By request.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the old road beginning near the residence of Osmyn Berry and continuing as far as Nehemiah W. Chase's, and act fully thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will appropriate Seventy-Five Dollars to lower the grade at the hill south of the house of Nathan B. Walker, on the road leading from Harwich to Brewster, and act fully thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise the road bed near the Harwich approach to the Wading Place Bridge ABOVE TIDE WATER, and also to work and harden the road from there to Brewster line, and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the same, the work to be done under the supervision of the Board of Road Commissioners.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars for the purpose of a few necessary repairs and for claying the hill near the dwelling of J. K. Robbins, on the road leading from the residence of W. H. Underwood to Harwich Port, and act fully thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to harden the road leading from J. W. Hall's house to the house of Emulous Hall at North Harwich, and to make an appropriation therefor.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars to be expended at the

outlet of Salt Water Pond, under the direction of Emulous Small, Agent, in the interest of the public health and preservation of the shell fisheries of said pond, and a harbor of refuge for yachts and fishing boats, and act fully thereon. By request.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at each post office in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. The polls will open at nine o'clock A. M. and may close at one o'clock P. M. Hereof, fail not, and make due returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of January, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-seven.

ASA L. JONES,  
DAVID L. SMALL,  
D. M. NICKERSON, JR.

*Selectmen of Harwich.*